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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following preliminary amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application. An authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 03-4058 to cover filing fees accompanies this response. No further fees are believed to be necessary, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 03-4058 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, with the exception of the payment of the Issue Fee.

Consideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present amendment conforms to the revised amendment format requirements (Revised Amendment Practice 37 C.F.R. §1.121, effective 30 July 2003). If there are any problems with the format of applicants' amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.